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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Drewitz Airfield		
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1A
DATE OF CONTENT	22 February to 29 June 1953		
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	10 August 1953
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REMARKS			

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1. Between 22 and 28 March 1953, 12 trains with 282 cars carrying 7.217 gross tons, mostly loaded with bricks, moved from Cottbus to Drewitz airfield. 1

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2. In April 1953, it was rumored in Cottbus and also stated by a VPL man that Drewitz airfield was to be taken over later by the VPL. 2



3. On 3 May, a signboard of the "Bauunion Sued" was observed at the southern exit of Drewitz. Excavating work, apparently for the construction of a direct communication road from the field to the Guben-Cottbus road, was under way at the airfield. 3

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4. In early June, no air activity was observed at the field. Convicts were employed there. On 18 June, the German workers at the field participated in a strike in connection with the other disturbances in East Germany.

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5. In early June, ☐ a large VP detail has been stationed at the field since May 1953. 2

6. No aircraft were stationed at the field on 29 June.

7. Between 15 and 19 June, the 2d Regt of the 1st VPL Div was transferred from Kamenz to Drewitz where no air activity was conducted. On 18 June, VPL personnel and Soviet tanks were employed at the field but no incidents occurred. After the disturbances, German workers were arrested by the Soviets. 2

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1. ☐ Comment. After the completion of the runway at Drewitz airfield in December 1952, work was mostly done on high buildings which are now nearing completion.

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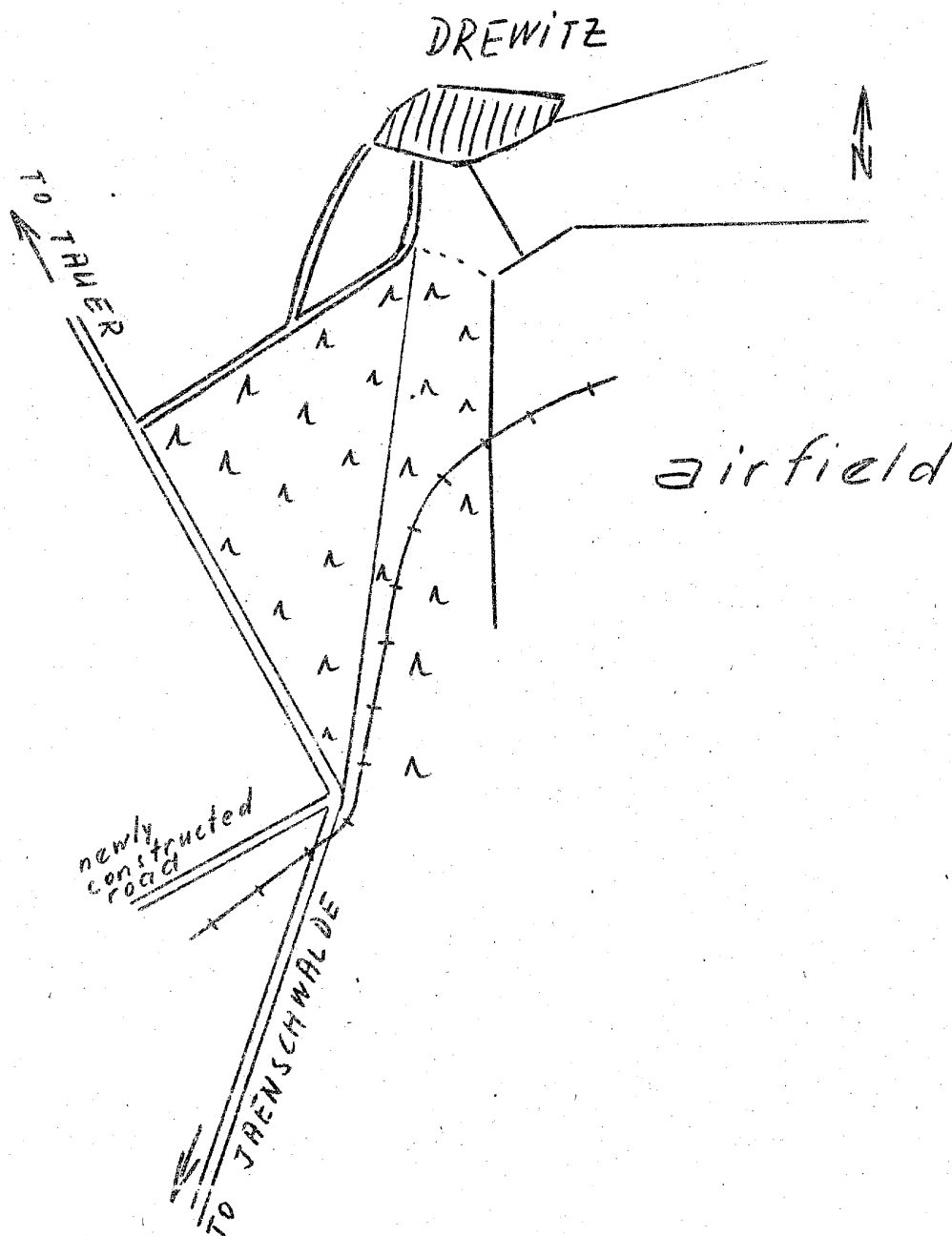
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2. ☐ Comment. As Drewitz airfield was constructed similar to Brand airfield it was previously assumed that a bomber unit would also be stationed there. The information on the transfer of a VPL unit to Drewitz, though received for the first time, appears credible as Kamenz airfield is at present not serviceable for air activity because the construction of an auxiliary runway apparently proved unsuccessful on the smooth ground. It seems that no aircraft have as yet arrived at Drewitz airfield.

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3. ☐ Comment. For course of newly constructed road, see Annex.

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Newly Constructed Road at Drewitz Airfield

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